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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was about steady entering the week. Demand was in a full range of light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for normal slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest prices were 1 cent lower. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good, best for features. Food service movement was generally moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies ranged fully adequate to instances close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand remained light to moderate for the mostly adequate to fully adequate offerings. Most breakers were taking a wait and see approach today and trading was very limited. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks were usually about adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-84	77-82
MEDIUM	54-62	57-59

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	37-39
SMALL	20-24

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were slightly lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. The market tone was about steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate to adequate for the moderate demand. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-98	86-89
LARGE	80-95	85-89
MEDIUM	54-69	59-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good. Food service movement was average to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	87-92
LARGE	83.5-91	85-86
MEDIUM	59.5-66	62-64

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Weekly prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were about sufficient to adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for regular slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	81.5-89	83-86
LARGE	80-87	81-84
MEDIUM	56.5-65	57-61

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was about steady entering the week. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	94-98
LARGE	92-96
MEDIUM	66-70

**CHICAGO** Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail and food service demand was light to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate on all sizes.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	83-89
LARGE	82-87
MEDIUM	60-67

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**WESTERN** Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, 2-3 cents lower on extra large, large, and medium. The Pacific region inventory was 9% lower than last week with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 20%. Retailer demand fairly good, best to cover features in progress and planned. Offerings in close balance.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, large, medium and small. The California inventory was 1% lower than last week. Retailer demand fairly good, best where features in progress and planned. Offerings in good balance with spot loads often held for higher prices. Small benchmark price 69. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	129
EXTRA LARGE	126
LARGE	114
MEDIUM	89

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-339	JUMBO	279-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-329	EXTRA LARGE	269-329
LARGE	229-239	LARGE	239-285
MEDIUM	199-209	MEDIUM	199-225

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 12, 2003 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 05, 2003 were 246,751 cases which was 11 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	210,206	36,545	246,751
% change from the prior week.....	+17	-14	+11

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Demand remained light to moderate for the mostly adequate to fully adequate offerings. Most breakers were taking a wait and see approach today and trading was very limited. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks were usually about adequate. Trade sentiment steady.  
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	66-68.5	68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	53-59	53
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Offerings were fully adequate. Finished product supplies were adequate and clearing. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.29
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.49
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 08, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.2	16.2	5.8	11.7	7.9 50.8
	Change	0.9	-1.1	1.3	0.6	-1.6 0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.8	41.0	14.6	26.1	30.5 134.0
	Change	-1.4	-14.6	1.1	5.5	-0.9 -7%
Large	Curr Wk	39.5	88.1	82.2	87.9	90.6 388.3
	Change	-2.3	-29.2	10.8	8.9	-14.9 -6%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.2	43.0	18.6	26.7	30.3 134.8
	Change	1.0	-7.0	0.9	1.1	0.9 -2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	7.0	1.6	6.9	6.1 26.5
	Change	-0.4	-1.7	-0.5	0.9	-0.5 -8%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	32.8	6.9	13.8	7.1 65.5
	Change	0.6	6.2	2.0	1.3	-0.2 18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.5	48.5	17.8	20.9	32.0 138.7
	Change	5.2	8.6	-3.0	0.3	-2.5 7%
Total	Curr Wk	116.0	276.6	147.5	194.0	204.5 938.6
Percent	Change	3%	-12%	9%	11%	-9% -2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	938.6	-2%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	292.1	15%	37
Total Shell Egg	1230.7	1%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 25, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
13.25								8.00								21.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		LOADS
GNR W 1	65.00	—		—	67.00	—	1.00	GL W J	82.00	—		—	—		.50	GL W XL	76.33	—		—	—		3.75
GL W XL	—	—		77.00	79.00	72.00	6.00	GL W LG	—	—		—	—		2.00	GL W MD	—	—		—	—		2.00
GL W LG	—	—		74.50	76.00	70.00	4.00																
GL W MD	—	—		47.42	51.00	—	51.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—	—	5.00																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 1, 2003-SEP 5, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
75.00								41.50								166.50							
SE				NE		MW		LOADS		SC				NW				SW				LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	65.67	—	66.67	68.33	—	—	9.00	GNR BR 1	74.00	76.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	82.00	85.00	—	—	—	—	89.25	2.50							
GL W XL	76.00	75.71	76.50	77.10	70.74	—	42.00	GL W XL	74.47	76.33	—	—	—	—	80.48	24.50							
GL W LG	—	75.22	74.50	76.33	69.00	—	35.50	GL W LG	70.91	74.75	—	—	—	—	77.75	34.50							
GL W MD	—	53.00	47.53	50.13	47.38	50.21	15.25	GL W MD	49.75	53.33	—	—	54.00	56.00	7.50								
GL W SM	37.25	39.75	33.60	35.20	33.00	35.00	4.75	NRBS - 48	61.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	69.00	5.00	NRBS - 45	58.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
NRBS - 48	—	—	64.00	65.00	—	67.56	15.00	NRBS - 39	37.00	37.75	—	—	—	—	—	2.00							
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	63.00	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	52.00	54.00	31.00	56.50	6.75																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**EGG PRODUCTS**

Shell Eggs Broken Down 3 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 163 million dozen during July 2003, down 3 percent from July a year ago.

July 2003 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, the same as July 2002.

During calendar year 2003, shell eggs broken totaled 1.05 billion dozen, down 4 percent from the 1.09 billion dozen broken in 2002. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2003 was 1.34 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2002.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/01/03	08/25/03	09/02/02
PACIFIC COAST	105	122	458
LOS ANGELES	42	59	409

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	101.63
LARGE	97.63
MEDIUM	74.63
SMALL	54.00

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS****RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND**

	August 24-30, 2003	August 17-23, 2003
30-dozen case	9,146	8,056

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